

Application Deadline: October 31, 2022

U.S. Representative
Patrick K. Ryan
19th District of New York
United States Military
Service Academy
Class of 2027

Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to apply to one of our nation's Service Academies. You have taken the first step in pursuing an exciting, rewarding, and challenging career serving in our Armed Forces. The United States Service Academies offer a world class education and the opportunity to serve as a commissioned officer in the United States Armed Forces upon graduation.

As a proud graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, I know firsthand the incredible honor and responsibility it is to attend one of our Service Academies. As a cadet at West Point, I learned and lived by the West Point motto: Duty, Honor, Country. I am excited that you are also considering this path, and ready to serve your country in uniform.

I have a Service Academy Selection Board of distinguished and experienced members of our community who will review your application, conduct your interview, and present their recommendations for nomination. This process is extremely competitive with a limited number of nominations available, so I encourage you to apply through other nominating authorities as well, and to consider the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs, and Officer Training Schools, which do not require nominations. To complete your application to the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, you must not only meet the admissions requirements for the Academy, but also receive a Congressional nomination.

My office is accepting applications now, and we must receive all information no later than October 31, 2022, for those interested in entering one of the Service Academies in the summer of 2023.

Thank you again for your interest in serving the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Patrick K. Ryan Member of Congress

OVERVIEW:

Acceptance at a United States Military Service Academy involves at least a nine-year obligation, with four years at the Academy and a minimum of five years of active duty in the United States Military. You are obligated to serve in the United States Military at the beginning of your junior year at the Academy.

If either of your parents is currently on active duty and has served for at least eight years, or is retired from active duty or the Reserves, or was killed in action, then you may qualify for a Presidential nomination. Please check with the Admissions Office of your respective Military Academy for more details. The eligibility requirements are set forth by the academies themselves. In addition to submitting a complete nomination application to the Office of the 19th Congressional District of New York, applicants must directly contact their respective military academy to open an admission file.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

As of July 1st of the year of admission, applicants must be:

- 17 years of age, but not yet 23
- A citizen of the United States
- Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent
- A legal resident of New York's 19th Congressional District

NOMINATION PACKET REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please find below a list of the materials required for completion of this application packet:

- Contact and History
- Extra- Curricular Activities Worksheet
- Nomination Board Questionnaire
- Three Letters of Recommendations: One letter should be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor. Other letters may be written by teachers, coaches, scout masters, clergy or community leaders who can accurately comment and attest to your character, abilities, and potential success at a Military Academy. Letters should be sealed and submitted with the application packet.
- Official SAT/ACT Scores: Scores must be sent directly to the office of New York Congressional
 District 19 by the testing service. The institution code for SAT scores is 2885 and the ACT scores code
 is 7562.
- Official High School Transcript: Please include a copy of your Senior Class Schedule. Senior grades should be submitted as soon as they are available and will be accepted after the application deadline.
- Note: Please do not staple items in your application packet.

The following information is needed to complete your applicant file:

- A completed Service Academy Nomination Application Form
- Recent photograph
- Resume
- An official transcript from all high schools, junior colleges, or colleges you have attended
- In no more than 500 typed words explain why you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy
- SAT or ACT scores. Your best verbal and math scores will be used.
- Three letters of recommendation

All this information should be sent to Representative Ryan's District Office at:

U.S. Representative Patrick K. Ryan Service Academy Nomination Application Attn: Max Prime 256 Clinton Avenue Kingston, NY 12401

Phone: (845) 443-2930

Minimum Requirements

IMPORTANT: Below are the minimum requirements for all the U.S. Service Academies (that require a nomination from a Member of Congress). Please keep in mind that applicants who do meet these requirements are eligible to attend a U.S. Service Academy, however, it does not guarantee a Congressional Nomination and admission into a U.S. Service Academy. If you have not yet started a file at the academy of your choice, please do so immediately.

Academy	Minimum	Minimum Standardized	
	Requirements	Test Score(s)	
U.S. Naval Academy Office of Admissions 52 King George Street Annapolis, MD 21402-1318 (410) 293-1858	U.S. Citizen Be at least 17 but not past your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year you enter the Academy Unmarried/No Dependents Nomination Required PAE and DODMERB exams Midshipmen who graduate will receive a commission in either the Navy or Marine Corps and are obligated to a 5-year commitment following commissioning	NONE	
U.S. Air Force Academy Office of Admissions 2304 Cadet Drive, Ste 2300 USAF Academy, CO 80840 1-800-443-9266	 U.S. Citizen Be at least 17 but not past your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year you enter the Academy Unmarried/No Dependents Nomination Required CFT and DODMERB exams Commissioned officer in the Air Force for at least eight years after graduation, five of which must be active duty, remaining three years as inactive reserve 	SAT V-580, M-560 ACT E/R-24, M/S-25 Highest is taken	
U.S. Military Academy Office of Admissions Building 606 West Point, NY 10996 (845) 938-4041	 U.S. Citizen Be at least 17 but not older than 22 on July 1 of the year they enter West Point Unmarried/No Dependents Nomination Required PAE and DODMERB exams Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army and serve for five years on active duty, if you choose to depart the Army after five years, you will be required to serve three years in the Inactive Ready Reserve 	SAT V- 560, M-560 ACT English -> 23 ACT Math -> 24 ACT Reading -> 24 ACT Science Reasoning -> 23 Highest is taken	
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Office of Admissions 300 Steamboat Road Kings Point, NY 11024 (516) 726-5646	 U.S. Citizen Be at least 17 years of age and must not have passed your 25th birthday before July 1 in the year of entrance No Marriage Restrictions Nomination Required PAE and DODMERB exams Commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, or any other Reserve or National Guard unit of an armed force of the United States and serve for 8 years 		

PAE: Physical Aptitude Exam / CFT: Candidate Fitness Test / DODMERB: Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board

2022-2023

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Each applicant is required to submit the following documentation if they wish to be considered to receive a Congressional Nomination from Representative Ryan. The required documentation must be submitted to Representative Ryan's Kingston office in one complete mailing postmarked by October 31, 2022. Applicants that fail to submit their completed application packet by the deadline will not be considered for a nomination.

APPLICATION FORM with CURRENT WALLET SIZE (2"x3") PHOTO This form must be legibly written, and signed by applicant.
RESUME (2 page maximum) Applicants are required to submit their personal resume to provide a summary of their skills, abilities, and accomplishments. Resumes should include a listing of all extra-curricular activities, work experience, awards, and honors. Please consider utilizing the resume template enclosed in the application packet.
PERSONAL ESSAY (maximum 500 words) Applicants are required to answer the following essay question: Why do you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy? The essay is the best opportunity for applicants to illustrate their strengths and character.
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (3) Applicants are required to submit three (3) letters of recommendation. Representative Ryan encourages each applicant to submit a letter of recommendation from guidance counselors, educators, religious/community leaders, coaches, and employers. If the applicant wishes to submit additional letter of recommendations, Representative Ryan's office will only accept two additional letters of recommendations.
OFFICIAL COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT Transcripts must include the applicant's GPA through their junior, class rank, and courses currently in progress.
OFFICIAL COPY OF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable)
OFFICIAL COPY OF SAT/ACT SCORES Each applicant is required to submit an official copy of their standardized test (SAT/ACT) scores. Applicant must carefully consider the testing dates they register for to ensure that they will be able to submit an official copy of their scores to Representative Ryan's Kingston District Office by the October 31st, 2022, deadline. Our ACT code is 7562 and our SAT code is 2885. We will only consider the official standardized test
scores included in the applicant's completed application packet when determining the applicant's
eligibility for a nomination from Rep. Ryan.

Deadline for postmarking completed application packet is October 31st, 2022

Mail to U.S. Representative Patrick K. Ryan

Service Academy Nomination Application

Attention: Max Prime

256 Clinton Avenue

Kingston, NY 12401

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to seeking a nomination from Representative Ryan, we strongly encourage each applicant to apply for a nomination with all the available nominating authorities that include the President, the Vice-President, your U.S. Senators, Secretaries of the Navy, the Army, and the Air Force, and the superintendents of your selected academies. Please contact each office for more information on their respective nomination application process, as each office's process will vary.

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APPLICATION FORM

Date of birth:/ / Gender: U.S. Citizen: □ Yes □ No Current Mailing Address: (Street / P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip) Mobile Telephone Number: Home Telephone Number: No Email Address: No Email Address: No Email Address: No If yes, contact number Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States military? □ Yes □ No Are you currently or formerly enlisted in the United States military? □ Yes □ No If yes, which branch: High School Attending/ed: (School Name) (School Phone Number) High School GPA: Class Rank: (School Phone Number) College Attending (if appropriate): (School Name) (School Phone Number) Have you attended an Academy Summer Leadership Seminar: No If yes, which Academy Leadership Seminar: No If yes, which Preparatory School? □ Yes □ No If yes, which Preparatory School? □ Yes □ No If yes, which Preparatory School? □ Yes □ No	Full Name:				
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ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Indicate below the U.S. Service Academy(s) you wish to attend. List them in priority order from the primary academy as number 1 down through your other selections in numerical sequence.

APPLICANTS MUST ONLY RANK THE ACADEMIES THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY APPLIED TO.

*Indicate a Yes or No for the Coast Guard	Academy	
Example: 1 USMA (primary) 2 USNA 3 USA	AFA 4 USMMA	
U.S. Air Force		U.S. Military Academy
U.S. Merchant Marine		U.S. Naval Academy
U.S. Coast Guard Acade	emy (A Congressional Nomination is	not required for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy)
Confirm other nomination sources you will U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand U.S. Se OTHER (please specify):	enator Charles Schumer 🚨 Vi	ce-President 🗖 President 🗖 JROTC
APPLICATION AGREEMENT Please read the following paragraph before with the following statements.	e signing the application, as yo	ur signature indicates your agreement
It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service A appointed. I understand that attending a service graduation. I confirm that I have met all of the applied.	ce academy also requires a minimum	of five years of military service following
I certify that the information I have provided in changes or corrections to this information will Additionally, I understand that I will not be con incomplete or are not postmarked by October	be reported as soon as possible to Residered for a nomination if the requi	presentative Patrick Ryan's Office.
By signing this form, I certify Representative Portion related to U.S. Service Academy nominations.	atrick Ryan's office may use my nam	e in press and official promotional materials
Signature:		Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature:(if under 18 years old)		Date:
	WALLET SIZE (2"x3") PHOTO Please permanently adhere a current wallet size photograph here. It is recommended that applicant also include his/her name and hometown written on the back of photo should the photo become detached during processing.	
	** NO STAPLES**	APPLICATION FORM - page 2

RESUME

(Maximum 2 Pages)

Applicants are required to submit their personal resume to provide a summary of their skills, abilities and accomplishments. Applicants are encouraged to include specific leadership positions and recognitions of achievements. **Applicants must include specific dates of involvement for each activity listed in their personal resume**. Please find below the resume template we are encouraging all applicants to use when submitting their personal resume (as part of their application) to Representative Ryan's Kingston District Office.

FULL NAME FULL ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE PHONE NUMBER | EMAIL ADDRESS

EDUCATION

This section of the resume should contain the following information (if applicable):

- Name of high school(s) attended
- Name of Colleges/Universities attended (if applicable)
- Full School Address
- Dates Attended
- Graduation Date (anticipated)
- Relevant Subjects (courses pointing to your skills)

EXTRA-CURRICALAR ACTIVITES

This section of the resume should contain the following information (if applicable):

- School Activities
- Community Activities
- Religious or other social group activities
- Offices held within any of these groups

EXPERIENCE

This section of the resume should contain the following information (if applicable):

- All full and part-time work
- Any volunteer work

For each experience you should provide

- Beginning and ending employment dates
- Full name of employer (supervisor's or boss' name not needed)
- Business Address and zip code
- Type of Job title if any and specific responsibilities performed

Honors/Special Accomplishments

This section of the resume should contain the following information (if applicable):

- Awards and honors
- Specific Achievements
- Special Recognition

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

This section of the resume should contain the following information (if applicable):

- Hobbies
- Special talents
- Ways you spend your leisure time

2022 PERSONAL ESSAY

ESSAY QUESTION: Why do you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy?

IMPORTANT: Applicants must submit their response to the essay question in the format outlined below

- 500 WORDS (MAXIMUM)
- TYPED
- DOUBLE-SPACED
- SIZE 12 TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss the following when answering the essay question:

- 1. Experience(s) that demonstrate your leadership skills
- 2. Specific act(s) that you feel have prepared you for the rigorous challenges of attending a U.S. Service Academy
- 3. Motivator(s) (i.e. family members and/or a specific event) that generated your interest with U.S. Service Academies

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

IMPORTANT: Each applicant is required to submit three (3) letters of recommendation with the option of submitting an additional two (2) letters of recommendation. To ensure that the Letters of Recommendation are included in their completed application packet by the **October 31, 2022, deadline**, applicants are encouraged to contact well in advance the individuals they are requesting Letters of Recommendations from.

TO THE PERSON MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION: When writing the Letter of Recommendation, we strongly encourage for each recommender to consider answering the following questions in their Letter of Recommendation for the applicant:

- 1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- 2. Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership ability.
- 3. How could this applicant improve to rise to the challenges presented by a Service Academy?
- 4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a Service Academy education?
- 5. How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?
- 6. Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance at a Service Academy?

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. REQUIREMENTS

- a. Eligibility. Applicant must meet the following criteria to be considered for a Service Academy nomination.
 - i. Applicant must be a legal resident of the Eighteenth Congressional District (legal residence of custodial parent normally determines constituency should parents be divorced). To confirm residency, please visit www.house.gov.
 - ii. Citizen of the United States.
 - iii. Appropriate Age
 - iV. Unmarried and have no legal requirement to provide support to a dependent.
- b. Application Form. The enclosed application forms must be completed and returned by the official deadline of October 31, 2022. Formal candidacy is established in Representative Ryan's office upon receipt of the completed application packet.
- C. Personal Resume.
- d. Recommendation Letters. Three recommendation letters must be submitted.
- **e. Transcript.** An official transcript of the applicant's high school record and if possible, class rank, which must be submitted. This transcript <u>must show the applicant's final junior year grades</u>. If the applicant applies before this information is available, it is the applicant's responsibility to request their guidance counselor send an up to date transcript and to keep records current.
- f. Standardized Test Scores. The SAT and ACT are required entrance exams recognized by the Service Academies for applicants admitted to one of the Service Academies. Applicants are responsible for registration of tests and sending their scores to the academy/academies and to Representative Ryan's office. Our ACT code is 7562 and our SAT code is 2885.
- g. Qualifying Medical Exam. The individual academies will recommend the scheduling of medical examinations to the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMRB) after receipt of the pre-applicant questionnaire, which is used to open a pre-admission file at an academy. There is no cost to the applicant for this examination. Be sure to mail the appropriate yellow, white, blue or green cards as soon as possible to the appropriate academy/academies. The results of this exam are not needed for the application file.
- h. Interview. Each applicant who completes a written application will be interviewed by Representative Ryan's Service Academy Selection Board. This is the final step in the nominating process. The board is comprised of members of the public (from the Eighteenth Congressional District), who are appointed by Representative Ryan to review all of the applications, interview the applicants, and make recommendations to Representative Ryan on nominations. The applicant MUST receive a nomination from either Representative Ryan or one of the other eligible nominating authorities to be considered for acceptance to a Service Academy. Once the applicant's file is complete, they will receive further information on the scheduling of the interview.

2. BASIS FOR SELECTION

- **a.** Selections are made competitively based on a combination of *academic factors, leadership potential, extracurricular activities, physical fitness, and letters of recommendation*.
 - i. Academic Factors. Competitive applicants for a Service Academy nomination will be considered based on their school records, class rank, grade point average, and standardized test scores (SAT or ACT). Normally competitive applicants will have SAT scores that are above 600 on verbal and 650 on math, or ACT scores above 22 on verbal and 26 on math and will stand in the upper fifth of their class. The higher the applicant's scores and class standing, the greater the chances will be for a nomination, assuming her or she meets or exceeds the qualifications in the remaining areas of consideration.
 - ii. Extra-Curricular Activities. The most competitive applicants will be active in their communities whether at their schools, through volunteer work, or other activities. In particular, Representative Ryan's Service Academy Selection Board looks for highly motivated students who demonstrate leadership ability in their own community.
 - iii. Motivation. One of the most important considerations in the selection process is motivation the applicant's desire to attend an academy. It is also the most difficult to measure. To an extent, motivation can be judged by a applicant's diligence in completing their file, which is one reason those with incomplete files are not considered for nomination. In addition, applicants are required to write an essay on the reasons for wanting to attend an academy. The essay can be an extremely helpful tool in the review of the application.
 - iV. Leadership and Physical Fitness. Leadership potential and physical fitness are judged from the information provided on the application form. This information should be kept up to date. Unlike civilian colleges, Service Academies place strong emphasis on physical training. In addition, the academies, like civilian colleges and universities, place a high premium on leadership and extracurricular activities. Therefore, consideration must be given to each applicant's proven ability in these areas. It is strongly recommended that the letters of recommendation and resume highlight any of the applicant's leadership skills.

3. OTHER COMMISSIONING OPTIONS

a. **U.S. Coast Guard Academy.** The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is proud to educate leaders of a multi-mission, maritime military force. As a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard, you will be leading a team of men and women who are continually called on to serve their community, country, and fellow citizens.

While the United States Coast Guard is notable as the oldest life-saving service in the world, its roles include more than just Maritime Safety and Security. The Coast Guard is also called upon for critical service in protection of natural resources, maritime mobility (management of maritime traffic, commerce, and navigation), and national defense. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy campus is located on the Thames River in New London, Connecticut; the Academy provides a four-year Bachelor of Science degree program with a full scholarship for everyone. Each year, approximately 200 ensigns (or junior officers) are commissioned during graduation exercises in May.

Following graduation, newly commissioned ensigns report for duty aboard cutters and at sector offices in ports nationwide. Graduates of the academy are obligated to serve five years in the U.S. Coast Guard, though many choose to stay and make a rewarding, life-long career of their maritime military service.

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination from either Representative Ryan or one of the other eligible nominating authorities to be considered for acceptance to the academy.

For additional information please visit the following website: http://www.cga.edu/

- b. Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). A great alternative to academy attendance is one of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs offered by the three military services. ROTC is a four-year elective program that is offered on many college campuses. The ROTC program also offers full or partial tuition scholarships to qualified students. Completion of a Reserve Officer Training program will result in a commission as a Second Lieutenant or Ensign along with students who graduate from a military academy at the same time.
 - i. For additional information please visit the following websites:
 - 1. U.S. Army ROTC: http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html
 - 2. U.S. Air Force ROTC: http://www.afrotc.com/
 - 3. U.S. Navy ROTC: http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/
- C. Officer Training and Candidate Schools. While duration and type of training varies among the Services, each teaches military subjects, leadership skills and physical training. The goal is to prepare recruits for the challenges of officer life, from managing others to understanding military culture and law. To learn more about specific programs and classes, visit the service-specific websites listed in the table below.

i. Army Officer Candidate School

- 1. Duration: 12 weeks
- 2. Rank upon Graduation: Second Lieutenant
- 3. Location: Fort Benning (Fort Benning, GA)
- 4. More Info: Army OCS

ii. Marine Corps Officer Candidates School

- 1. Duration: 10 weeks
- 2. Rank upon Graduation: Second Lieutenant
- 3. Location: Marine Corps Base Quantico (Quantico, VA)
- 4. More Info: Marine Corps OCS

iii. Navy Officer Candidate School

- 1. Duration: 12 weeks
- 2. Rank upon Graduation: Ensign
- 3. Location: Naval Station Newport (Newport, RI)
- 4. More Info: Navy OCS

IV. Air Force Officer Training School

- 1. Duration: 12 weeks
- 2. Rank upon Graduation: Second Lieutenant
- 3. Location: Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base (Montgomery, AL)
- 4. More Info: Air Force OTS

V. Coast Guard Officer Candidate School

- 1. Duration: 17 weeks
- 2. Rank upon Graduation: Ensign
- 3. Location: Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT)
- 4. More Info: Coast Guard OCS

SERVICE ACADEMY SELECTION BOARD

OVERVIEW

Representative Ryan's Service Academy Selection Board is comprised of former and current service members. Currently, there are members serving on the Selection Board who have graduated from each of the U.S. Service Academies that require congressional nominations (i.e. United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy).

GRADING RUBRIC

Part of Representative Ryan's Service Academy Nomination Application process requires each applicant to undergo an interview conducted by members of Representative Ryan's Service Academy Selection Board. In addition to the information provided in the applicant's application packet, the board members will use any information obtained from the applicant during the interview and apply it to board's scoring methodology.

The Service Academy Selection board uses a scoring methodology based upon the whole person principle to get a comprehensive composite of intelligence, leadership, engagement, confidence, and recommendations by others. In the scoring methodology, the Selection Board grades each applicant in the following categories:

- GRADES (i.e. Official High School Transcript and/or Official College Transcript)
- STANDARIZED TEST SCÖRES (SAT/ACT)
- EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION
- LEADERSHIP ROLES
- PERSONAL ESSAY
- LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS
- PERSONAL INTERVIEW

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list the three individuals who will be writing letters of recommendation to support your nomination. Note: One letter must be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor.

	NAME	Phone	Title/Organization
1).			
2).			
3).			

Please mail your completed application, including the additional required materials to:

Office of Patrick K. Ryan Attention: Max Prime 256 Clinton Ave. Kingston, NY 12401

Please contact the Kingston District Office at 845-443-2930 with any questions you may have. We will be happy to assist you!

